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## NWT Labour Force Activity - January 2014 -

In January 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,900 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 68.4% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 61.2%.

**Table 1 Monthly Highlights**  
*Northwest Territories, January 2014*

	Jan-14	Dec-13	Jan-13
Population	32,000	31,900	32,100
Labour Force	23,800	24,400	23,900
Employed	21,900	22,400	22,100
Unemployed	1,900	2,000	1,700
Not in Labour Force	8,200	7,600	8,200
Participation (%)	74.4	76.5	74.5
Employment (%)	68.4	70.2	68.8
Unemployment (%)	8.0	8.2	7.1

Compared to the previous month, the NWT employment rate decreased by 1.8 percentage points, translating into 500 fewer employed persons. It seems that this drop in employment brings the January labour force to a normal trend for this season, after the unusual hike in December 2013. In fact, the January employment was close to the 5-year average for this time of year.

**Figure 1** *Employment Rates*  
*Northwest Territories, 2010-2013*



All key characteristics experienced a decrease to the employment rate last month. Compared to the last month, the employment rate for youth (15-24 years) decreased by 3.1 percentage points, and geographically the Yellowknife rate decreased by 2.5 percentage points. (Table 2)

**Table 2** *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics  
Northwest Territories*

	Jan-14		Dec-13		Nov-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,900	68.4	22,400	70.2	22,100	69.3
15-24 Yrs.	2,900	44.6	3,100	47.7	3,100	47.7
25 Yrs. & Over	19,000	74.5	19,200	75.3	19,000	74.8
Males	11,600	69.9	11,800	71.1	11,700	70.5
Females	10,300	66.9	10,600	69.3	10,400	68.0
Aboriginal	7,800	53.4	8,100	54.7	7,900	54.1
Non-Aboriginal	14,000	80.9	14,300	83.1	14,200	82.1
Yellowknife	12,300	79.4	12,700	81.9	12,700	80.9
Other	9,600	58.2	9,600	58.5	9,400	57.7

Between January 2014 and December 2013, 500 fewer people were employed, and much of the decrease was full-time employees. Over the last year, 200 fewer people were employed, largely due to a shift away from public employment into private employment and self-employment. Between January 2014 and January 2013, public employment decreased by 1,000 people, whereas private employment and self-employment increased by 400 and 300, respectively. (Table 3)

**Table 3** *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics  
Northwest Territories, January 2014*

	Jan-14	Dec-13	Jan-13	Dec-13 to Jan-14	Jan-13 to Jan-14
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,900	22,400	22,100	(500)	(200)
Full-time	19,600	20,000	19,900	(400)	(300)
Part-time	2,300	2,400	2,200	(100)	100
Employees	20,200	20,800	20,700	(600)	(500)
Public	9,200	9,500	10,200	(300)	(1,000)
Private	10,900	11,200	10,500	(300)	400
Self-employment	1,700	1,600	1,400	100	300
Goods Producing	3,800	3,900	3,900	(100)	(100)
Service Producing	18,100	18,400	18,300	(300)	(200)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

**Table 4**      **Labour Force Activity**  
**Northwest Territories**

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	70.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Previous Years:								
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Jan-12	32,100	23,900	22,000	1,900	8,200	74.5	7.9	66.5
Jan-11	32,200	23,500	21,800	1,800	8,700	73.0	7.7	67.7
Jan-10	32,100	22,300	20,900	1,400	9,800	69.5	6.3	65.1
Jan-09	32,100	23,100	22,000	1,000	9,000	72.0	4.3	68.5
Jan-08	32,000	23,900	22,500	1,400	8,100	74.7	5.9	70.3
Jan-07	31,400	24,700	23,400	1,300	6,800	78.7	5.3	74.5
Jan-06	31,200	23,900	22,700	1,200	7,400	76.6	5.0	72.8
Jan-05	31,100	24,100	22,300	1,800	7,000	77.5	7.5	71.7
Jan-04	30,700	22,900	21,200	1,700	7,800	74.6	7.4	69.1

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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